



## Mayor Anglin And Chief Hilliard New Fire Engine

Burnsville Fire Department has a new Fire Truck. The truck, costing approximately \$28,000 when fully equipped, arrived last week. It boasts a 1000-gallon-per-minute pumper, two 200-foot electric rewind hose reels and is mounted on a huge C-850 Ford chassis, according to Bob Hilliard, Fire Chief.

## Christmas Parade Floats Win Prizes In Competition

The annual Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Yancey County Jaycees, drew a crowd numbering in the thousands to the colorful square and along Main Street to see the spectacle on December 6th.

After the Fire Department showed off their brand spanking new Fire Truck, the Cane River High School float hove into sight. And a fine sight it was, being a country church complete with steeple and stained glass windows, and a Christmas wreath on the door. Clowns were outfitted in the most colorful regalia to be found, and sported around on their mini-bikes to the delight of the onlookers.

The Girl Scouts made two floats, one of which won 1st prize in the float competition. The Grand Prize of \$100 was awarded for the float which pictured "A Storybook Christmas" theme, with girls dressed as storybook characters such as the "Wizard of Oz" lion, tin man and scarecrow.

Second Prize went to the Westco Telephone Company Float with the theme "Good Will to all Men". The float featured a red-festooned telephone and a white dove of peace. \$50 was the 2nd prize.

The 4-H Club float took third place in the competi-

tion and received \$25. It was decorated in green and white with the 4-H emblem proudly displayed.

One of the floats which was in the Parade but did not enter the competition was the U.S. Forest Service float which was very special. The "Daniel Boone" family in full historical dress stand in front of a log cabin which looks real enough to live in.

The Spruce Pine Moose Lodge also had a noteworthy float which they did not enter in competition. It had a little girl saying her prayers by a bed. A decorated Christmas tree stands nearby and a fireplace is just waiting for Santa Claus.

A highlight of the Parade was the Jaycee float with Santa Claus and his reindeer sitting proudly on display. "Santa" threw candy around with happy abandon to the equally happy children who were watching.

The enthusiasm shown and efforts made for this parade augurs well for our 1970 parade. Several spectators were heard to say that they intend to enter or sponsor a float next year. Some already anticipate Christmas 1970 and a better than ever Yancey County Christmas Parade.

## Immediate Action On School Conditions Demanded By Burnsville PTA Spokesman

By Carolyn Yuziuk

At the regular meeting of the Yancey County Board of Education last Friday night, an impassioned spokesman for the Burnsville Elementary PTA presented their requests to the Board members.

Bill Hess, regional librarian and chairman of the PTA committee which was organized to work on the problem of school conditions at Burnsville Elementary, took the floor almost at once when the meeting was opened.

In a well-planned, vigorous speech, he made the requests for immediate action on certain conditions which the PTA group considers to be extremely urgent. The requests, listed below, had been written out and mimeographed for distribution to all present at the meeting.

1. It is requested that the state fire marshal be invited to inspect this school with respect to the hazard of fire and danger to classes now held on the second floor level.

2. It is requested that immediate action be taken toward providing fire escapes for all second floor classrooms.

3. The brick building should be completely re-wired.

4. The cafeteria should be enlarged or a new one built to relieve the crowded conditions now existing. An average of 460 lunches are served daily in a dining area that is 30 by 34 feet, which

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## Yancey Crafts Fair, Parkway Playhouse Praised In Recent Magazine Article

By Carolyn Yuziuk

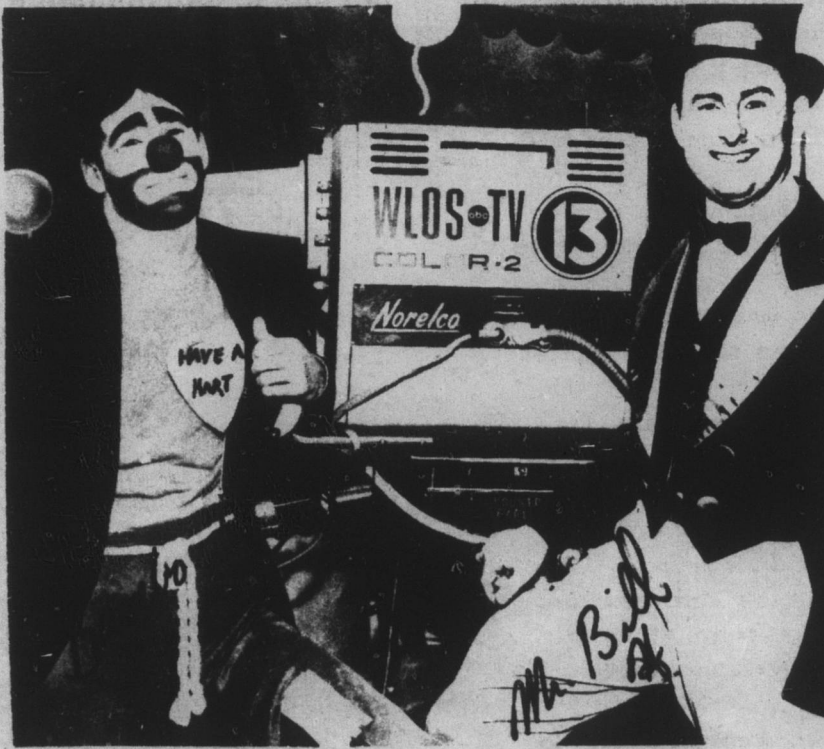
Burnsville citizens can stand up and take a proud bow for the honorable mention their town received in a

magazine called "Modern Maturity", an exclusive magazine for members of the American Association of Retired Persons.

Speaking of "Arts and Crafts" in and around Asheville, the writers, Edgar and Patricia Cheatham mention the internationally-renowned Penland School of Crafts, one of the country's largest and best-known institutions dedicated to a serious creative crafts program. Students there have "ample time," say the Cheathams, "to make side trips to scenic spots in the area. Nearby, in the charming little town of Burnsville, the Parkway Playhouse, a stock theater operated by the University of North Carolina, presents a splendid summer repertory. Burnsville sponsors its own annual crafts festival on the village green during the second weekend in August."

An inspiration, surely, to Yancey Countians to redouble their efforts to make our annual crafts festival a note-

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TV's Mr Bill And Bumbo Paraded

## Head-On Collision Fatal To Burnsville Man

BURNSVILLE - A head-on collision about 4:15 p. m. last Saturday near here took the life of a Burnsville man.

The State Highway Patrol said Carrol Bennett Penland, 36, of Route 3, Burnsville, died about 6:45 p. m. Saturday in the Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville.

State Trooper M. W. Green said Penland was driving west on US 19E six miles west of Burnsville. He was driving on the wrong side of the road and collided with a truck driven by Thermon England also of Burnsville. Penland's car glanced off the truck and

overturned. Green said the victim died of multiple chest injuries.

England, the 33 year old driver of the truck, reportedly was not injured.



Car Demolished In Accident